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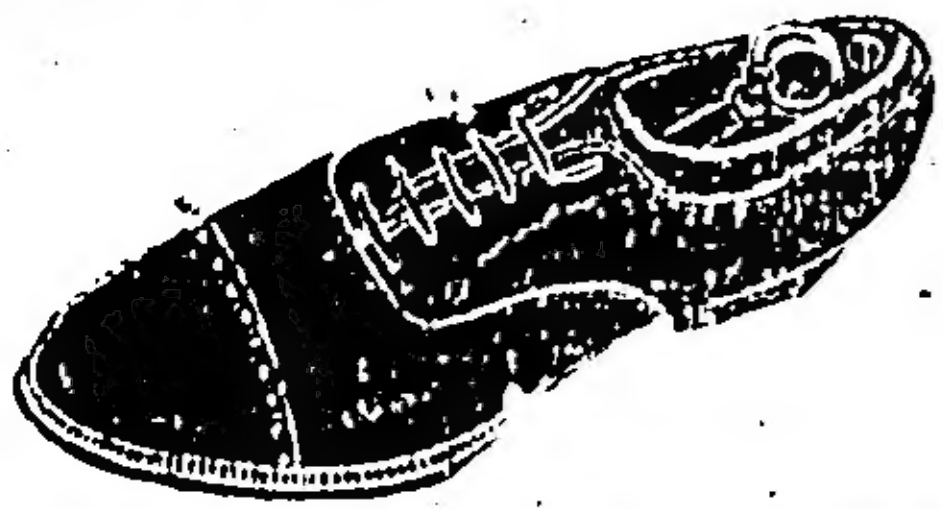
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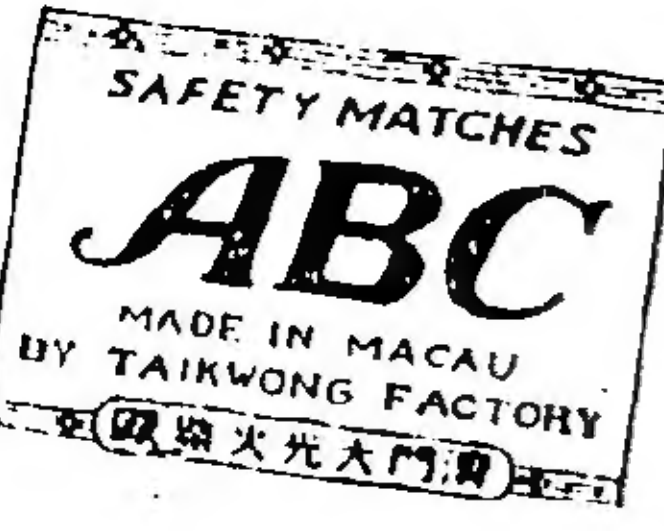
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Colony's Future

Sir,—It was so very nice of Lieutenant General F. W. Feeling to give up so much of his valuable time to tell us that Hong Kong can be defended against an enemy who does not possess the advantages possessed by the Japanese in 1941.

Actually, Lieutenant General Feeling's comments were all really so unnecessary. Anyone could tell us that Britain with all its might and power, would be able to defend Hong Kong against any armed attack by an enemy who lacked all the weapons of destruction so necessary to the successful prosecution of a modern war.

The points which really need clarification are:

- (1) Will all the large and small commercial concerns in this Colony which depend entirely on trade with China and the Chinese, continue to function in the event of a prolonged blockade of this Colony?

- (2) Will these firms, in the face of a complete cessation of trade with China, continue to pay salaries to employees for whom there is no work, or will such firms resort to retrenchment, retaining only the "pure whites"?
- (3) What will Government do in the way of feeding and housing the large population of white-collar workers who, even in days of plenty are living hand-to-mouth existence while their employers pay in money and luxury, and who, in the event of a stoppage of employment, will automatically become destitute.

- (4) In view of past experience is Government confident that all locally recruited Police personnel will remain loyal to the British cause?

There are some of the points which are troubling those whose minds are not entirely obsessed with the idea that Hong Kong's potential enemy is irrevocably bound to launch an attack on this Colony.

SIMPLE SIMON.

Soldier's Request

Sir,—I have been stationed in the New Territories for just over a month and as this will probably be my only visit to the Colony I would very much like to learn as much as possible about Chinese customs and culture.

I am reasonably well educated and hope to become a schoolmaster; therefore I have a very strong desire to get an insight into the civilisation of the East.

I wonder if a meeting with a Chinese family could be arranged through your columns? If so I would greatly appreciate it.

BRITISH SOLDIER.

Name and Address Supplied.

Rice Situation

Sir,—The Chinese Reform Association wish to draw the attention of the public to the situation which will arise when civil war reaches Hong Kong border if those who could qualify fall to register for rations.

In this emergency the supply of rice from China will have no choice but to depend entirely on Government rations. As almost half of the population have not yet registered the number of cards issued are 213,000. There would be a sudden rush to register and consequent confusion.

The Association are well aware that lack of incentive to register has been largely due to the poor value of the rice issued on the basis of the less they would put it to the public that in view of the imminent development in Canton it is to their advantage, no less than their duty, to register. At the same time they are sure the public that they are sparing no effort to agitate for an improvement of the quality of the ration rice and a maintenance of quality from week to week.

It will greatly assist the Association in achieving these aims if every one qualified to register applies for rations and keep the association of the development that arises from time to time.

A month ago Mr. Kennedy-Skipton at a meeting of the Chinese Reform Association drew attention to the deteriorated condition of rice which was aggravated by the small response toward Government rice and the slow and almost stagnant turnover of much of the rice issued on the rice ration.

Recently the Rice Ration Depot Chief in service with the Press practically washed his hands of the responsibility for this, stating that the condition of the rice was due to the long period of storage.

If this is the case should not steps be taken to dispose of the inferior rice by reducing the price to a competitive figure and replace it by good rice which is at present available in large quantities at reasonable prices on the free market from Canton, New Territory and elsewhere.

This is not a new suggestion, in 1940 exactly the same situation arose with the Government Reserves and the first step taken was to dispose of the deteriorated rice by free sale whilst importing good rice to replace it.

The Rice Committee consider that this course of action is not merely a possibility but the duty of the Government to expose the circumstances.

A MEMBER.

Tenants' Troubles

Sir,—The Landlords and Tenants Ordinance has, of late been the subject of criticism by several of your correspondents but there is one fundamental aspect of the matter which has so far, escaped mention, to wit, the justice of the continued application of this Ordinance in times such as the present, when conditions are so far different from those which our Legislators, in passing this Bill, might reasonably have anticipated would obtain two years after its enactment.

The Ordinance was, ostensibly, passed as a measure designed to obviate the possibility of excessive increases in rents of pre-war premises; to act as a deterrent against demands for "key-money"; to restore to the landlord some of the rights which he had been forced to surrender under Japanese rule, and, in general, to aid in the restoration of normal conditions in the Colony.

The degree to which the Ordinance has been rendered farcical in regard to demand for "key-money" is too well-known to warrant comment, although we may perhaps be forgiven if we enquire whether, in one single instance, has the Secretariat for Chinese Affairs, which has been charged with the administration of the Ordinance, instituted action against a landlord for these illegal demands?

Whatever the theoretical arguments in favour of the Landlord and Tenants Ordinance, the fact remains that, almost without exception, it has worked in the interests of the landlord and to the detriment of the tenant, and it is time that consideration was given to the question of its amendment, or even suspension.

The Ordinance in the light of the peculiar conditions prevailing in the Colony today in regard to housing.

Prior to the advent of the Services in large numbers, the situation was difficult enough. With their arrival, and the consequent requisitioning for billeting purposes, of which more can be anticipated as further reinforcements arrive, the situation insofar as the civilian is concerned has become increasingly difficult and to obtain even a hotel room is virtually impossible.

Is it, therefore, just that under these conditions a landlord should be permitted to receive possession of premises, particularly those which have been let for profit, and then to evict the tenant, and to let the premises to the Government, or to a private individual, at a price which is many times the original rent?

Broadcasting For Services

The Forces Civilian Entertainment and Welfare Committee has made arrangements with Radio Hong Kong for broadcasting for the Services on Saturdays and Sundays from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m., beginning tomorrow.

This extension of Radio Hong Kong's activities has been made possible by various generous donors who are meeting the additional cost.

Kowloon Rotary Club Luncheon

An interesting talk on the functions and effects of the human torpedoes employed by the Italians during the last war was given by Frank Galsworthy, special correspondent of the "Daily Express" at the Kowloon Rotary Club luncheon yesterday.

He was attached to the naval intelligence at Gibraltar during the war. He termed his account as "They Swam against the Fleet."

In the course of his story, the speaker made favourable comment on the courage of the Italians who were the first to employ this weapon.

The human torpedo, Galsworthy explained, is manned by two persons. They creep under vessels moored in the harbour and fix explosives to the ships' bottom. Galsworthy quoted factual incidents of Italian attacks on Allied shipping in Gibraltar Bay and described vividly several excellent incidents. He is a work of manipulating the human torpedo as dangerous, but extremely effective.

At the luncheon meeting yesterday Major General C. G. Evans who was formally inducted as an honorary member of the Kowloon Rotary Club and member of International Rotary.

More Troops For Macao

The Portuguese ss. Colonial, of the Colonial Navigation Company, Lisbon, is due to arrive here next week, with about 1,600 West African soldiers to reinforce Macao's garrison.

Arrangements have been made here to accommodate the new reinforcements.

The agents here of the Colonial Navigation Company are the Benco Nacional Ultramarino. Twenty-five Steel Rigid Butler Buildings, purchased by the Macao Government, for Macao's garrison, are due to arrive in Hong Kong on September 7.

The steel buildings will be sent to Macao by the ss. Wusueh, specially chartered for this purpose.—Our Own Correspondent.

SS. CORFU SAILS FOR UK TODAY

The P. and O. steamer Corfu leaves Hong Kong today for the United Kingdom via the Straits.

Passengers embarking today include Dr. and Mrs. L. E. C. Davies, Dr. and Mrs. J. L. Chien, Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Colver, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Deenan, Miss M. H. L. B. Hollingsworth, Captain and Mrs. E. H. Histed, Lieutenant Colonel and Mrs. P. M. Kirby-Green, Dr. and Mrs. T. K. Lien, G. B. Packer, Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Roehm, Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Vernal, Miss F. M. Kotewall, E. H. Chong, H. Y. Chiu, Mrs. D. T. Eu, Miss A. K. Green, Mrs. H. I. F. Foo and children, H. H. Green, Mr. P. DuToit and child, Mrs. H. E. Alexander, Mr. and Mrs. I. J. Koo and child, Mrs. H. M. Lean and children, and S. C. Tsow.

EXHIBITION OF PAINTINGS

A very fine collection of pictures, numbering 50, composed mainly of portraits, with a sprinkling of landscapes, was on view at the Hotel Cecil yesterday.

They were the paintings of Miss Nancy Kwok, the talented artist who is again delighting Hong Kong picture lovers with an exhibition of her work.

The exhibition will continue today and tomorrow.

required for his own use and that failure to obtain occupancy will inflict real hardship.

We suggest that to demand that tenants of good standing in the community should be compelled to vacate premises without very good cause, and the landlord thus enabled, as is invariably the case, to re-let the premises upon payment of far more in "key-money" is neither equitable nor calculated to inspire feelings of loyalty towards the Colony in the breasts of those who have been deprived of their homes merely in order that "those who have" shall be enabled to have a little more.

Perhaps one of our Legislators, not having real estate interests, might be good enough to take action in this very important

World YMCA Leader Tells Of Problems They Face

The leaders of the YMCA are determined not to let social or political changes in the world affect the work of the organization, Dr. Tracy Strong, General Secretary of the World Alliance of YMCA, Geneva, said yesterday.

Dr. Strong was speaking at the weekly luncheon of the Y's Men's Club at Hong Kong Hotel on "Some Problems Confronting the YMCA."

Personalia

Among the passengers who arrived here by CPA from Bangkok and Singapore were Messrs. Lim Sar-puang, Tan Seng-ling, K. Choythakul, Jiang Kee-chiang, Ouyang-hsuan, Earl Carroll, E. P. Wiseman, Miss B. Throop and Nguan Chuw-Nguan.

Those who left by CPA for Manila yesterday included Messrs. John C. Houston, Tong Keh, Antonio C. S. Yap, Yap Le-hua, Lee Oan-lin, Lee Oan-leng and Lee Oan-pin.

Among the departures from the Peninsula Hotel on Wednesday were Lieutenant-Colonel and Mrs. E. L. Ellis, Mrs. W. Hoesveld, Mrs. C. Filen, Mr. and Mrs. B. H. Hall, Mrs. L. M. Bnags, Messrs. A. Lyman, P. R. Bivers, A. J. Edgar, P. V. Andrews, N. E. Roida, F. S. Milovich, W. F. Harris, N. V. Prince, G. F. Tyrell, and D. S. W. Pepper.

Arrivals at the Peninsula Hotel on Wednesday included Mrs. S. C. Lee, Mr. and Mrs. K. S. Triand, Messrs. W. C. Donaldson, Duncan Lee, G. M. Kelley and E. F. Shilling.

Sale Of Canned Foodstuffs In Singapore

Canned foodstuffs from Hong Kong and China shall henceforth not be permitted to be sold in Singapore unless they are certified by the Government Analyst in Singapore to be free from pollution.

This information was revealed in a letter which the Chinese Chamber of Commerce of Singapore has sent to the Hong Kong Chinese Manufacturers Union.

The reason for this new regulation, according to this source, is that cases had occurred where the contents had been found to have been polluted through faulty sealing of the tins.

The letter went on to say that henceforth a shipment sample from each shipment, showing how the tins had been soldered and sealed, must first be submitted to the Government Analyst in Singapore, who will, if he thinks fit, order tins to be drawn from the shipment for examination. No shipment may be released for sale to the public unless it has been passed as free from contamination by this official.

The letter was referred to the Foodstuffs Section of the Union for consideration and action.

New MM Liner Arriving In HK On Maiden Voyage

Due in Hong Kong on September 10 is the latest acquisition of Messageries Maritimes—the 18,000-ton liner La Marseillaise—which is on her maiden voyage to the Orient from France.

Completed this Spring, the liner will be on the Marseilles-China-Japan run of "MM".

During her trials, the La Marseillaise made more than 23 knots. She is expected to maintain an average speed of 21 knots on her trips.

With the appearance of a great white yacht, her bow well moulded, horizontal planking over a great length at the centre and rolling chock of latest design, the liner is unusually steady in heavy weather.

A feature is the production of 150 tons of fresh water every 24 hours, supplying practically the whole ship and obtained with steam from the exhaust heat boilers.

Another original feature is the exclusive use of alternating current for all motive, allowing different voltages to be used and adding to the safety factor as embodied in the rules of the International Conference of London, 1948.

Air Conditioning

Specialty built for the Far East run—where at places along the route the outside temperature reaches 39 degrees Centigrade with the hygrometer showing 80 per cent humidity—the air-conditioning system on board has been designed to permit of artificial cooling at the deck level, below the dining room, to ensure that passengers will not be bothered by heat during the day.

The La Marseillaise has a complement of 418 passengers, of whom 341 can be placed in 175 first and tourist class outside cabins.

U.S. Lines Official Visits Colony

Mr. John A. Barthrop, General Manager Pacific Services, United States Lines Company, arrived in Hong Kong yesterday by the ss. Pioneer Tide.

His itinerary will permit Mr. Barthrop to be travelling on American Pioneer Line vessels to observe first-hand and improve cargo handling methods, Alpacat, cargo protection and transit time.

This is Mr. Barthrop's second tour of the Far East since his release from active duty with the United States Army in December 1945. During World War II, he served with distinction with the 1st Marine Division in the Pacific and in the Philippines. On V-J Day, Colonel Barthrop was Port Commander at Manila, the largest port of the Pacific.

Mr. Barthrop stated that his observations during his present tour of the Far East are of great importance to the U.S. Lines and that he is returning to the U.S. with a number of suggestions for improvement.

Chinese Plan Welfare Associations

Residents and Business houses of the Central District of the city are to form a welfare association of their own to further civic and social welfare work in their own district.

More than 50 residents and leading business men, under the chairmanship of Mr. Ko Cheuk-hung, Chairman of the Chinese Chamber of Commerce, met at the great hall of the Chamber yesterday afternoon to discuss the matter, and it was unanimously resolved that a welfare association should be formed.

Mr. Ko said the setting up of district welfare associations was a long standing practice in China. In Hong Kong, the lead had been taken by Kennedy Town and Shumshuipo, and the Central District should not lag behind and shirk its civic and social responsibilities but instead should set a good example for other districts to follow.

Committee Formed

A preparatory committee of nine members was appointed to draft the rules and attend to formalities for the setting up of the association and to arrange for the calling of a general meeting.

Other districts that will consider the setting up of welfare associations of their own are Causeway Bay and North Point, and Happy Valley. They will be holding their first meeting on Monday next.

The setting up of welfare associations in different districts has been actively sponsored by the Government Welfare Officer, Mr. J. C. Macdonald, who yesterday participated in the discussions but for the fact that at the last minute he was called away to another appointment. Mr. C. N. Li, his assistant, deputized for him.

Restaurant, Hotel Space Investigated

Certain large restaurants and hotels in the Central and Western districts of the city have been inspected and their space checked by the Government Quartermaster Authority.

No reason was given for this check-up but it is the common belief that Government has its eyes on these places as being suitable for conversion into canteens and billeting quarters for the Forces, and essential personnel in the event of a siege or warfare.

Requisitioning of similar places in 1941 has been quoted as ground for this belief.

Restaurants and hotels approached by the "China Mail" for their reaction, expressed the hope that Government would not go to this extreme, resulting in financial loss and inconvenience to their business, unless the situation was really acute.

YACHT COXSWMAN FINED

The yacht Wild Goose, a familiar craft in Kowloon Bay, was the subject of Court proceedings at the Marine Court yesterday when its coxswain, Pang Ah-chai, was fined \$10 on a summons for failing to stop when signalled by the Police.

Sub-Inspector Nippard, prosecuting officer, told the Court that defendant was seen by SI Rose, who was patrolling the area on August 20 at 3 p.m. and signalled to stop. The "K" flag and the Police whistle were disregarded.

Mr. G. V. Saunders of Reiss, Bradley and Company, solicitor, told the Court that the Wild Goose was with friends. He asserted that the coxswain evidently did not hear or see the Police signals.

Mr. F. W. Skuttl, remarking that the offence was not deliberately committed, imposed a nominal fine.

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NOTICE
EDUCATION
DEPARTMENT

LONDON MATRICULATION

The London Matriculation
Examination will be held in
Hong Kong in January, 1950.

Entry forms for private
students may be obtained by
application in writing from the
Education Office, New
Telephone Building, 2nd floor,
Leighton Hill Road, Hong
Kong, and should be returned
on or before September 10,
1949. Students attending
schools in the Colony should
forward their entries through
the Heads of the schools.
Further information may be
obtained from the Education
Office.

T. R. ROWELL,
Director of Education.
Sept. 1, 1949.

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EDUCATION
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the temporary staff for teach-
ers in English, Mathematics,
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lowing particulars must be
given: (a) Name; (b) Ad-
dress; (c) Sex; (d) Married
or Single; (e) Date of Birth;
(f) Schools and Universities
at which educated, with dates;
(g) Certificates, Diplomas and
Degrees, with dates; (h)
Teachers Training Course,
with dates; (i) Teaching Ex-
perience (Schools, dates, sub-
jects and Classes taught).

T. R. ROWELL,
Director of Education.
Sept. 1, 1949.

NOTICE
HONG KONG POLICE
GAME LICENCES
1949/1950

1. Game Licences (fee \$50)
are due for renewal as from
September 1, 1949.

2. Holders wishing to re-
new their licence for 1949/50
should so endorse and forward
their 1948/49 game licence
with the existing photograph
thereon, by letter to the
Officer in Charge, Arms Office,
Central Police Station. No
money or cheques should be
enclosed.

3. An acknowledgment of
receipt, containing instructions
as to further renewal action
will be sent to the address
registered on the old licence.
This acknowledgment should
be carried by the addressee
when shooting game during
the period of renewal.

4. Persons not wishing to
renew their 1948/49 game
licences are requested to so
endorse and return their old
licence to the Officer in Charge,
Arms Office by letter before
September 30, 1949.

5. Persons found shooting
game with an expired licence
after September 30, 1949, are
liable to prosecution and con-
fiscation of their gun and am-
munition.

COMMISSIONER OF
POLICE

August 25, 1949.

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Accused in Deep Bay
Ferry Robbery
Committed For Trial

An armed robbery which occurred on board the
ferry Man Tat, of the Hong Kong and Yau-
mat Ferry Company, at Deep Bay, British
Territorial waters, on January 13, was recall-
ed at Kowloon yesterday, when three Chin-
ese men faced committal proceedings before
Mr. J. Wicks.

Defendants were committed
for trial at the Supreme
Court, Tung Chuen, aged 28,
Wong Kit alias Wong Ying,
aged 24, and Ho Shun, aged
26, all unemployed, were joint-
ly charged with armed robbery.

It was alleged that defendants,
being armed with offensive weap-
ons, boarded the ferry Man Tat
at Deep Bay, and robbed the
passengers.

Detective Sub-Inspector Askew
conducted the proceedings for the
prosecution. Defendants were not
legally represented.

Giving evidence, Fok Kam-
wing, a No. 1 coxswain of the
ferry Man Tat, said that the ferry
was plying between the Nam Tau
peninsula, Chinese Territories
and Kowloon, on January 13; the
ferry left Nam Tau for Hong
Kong, at about 11.39 a.m. About
15 minutes after the ferry had
pulled out, he was at the wheel
when he heard the blast of a
whistle coming from the lower
deck.

Witness continued that at this
moment, his assistant who was
also at the wheel house, was
menaced by a man with a re-
volver who ordered him to steer
straight towards Kowloon. Wit-
ness then realised that the ferry
was being held up.

At about 12.10 p.m., witness
was ordered to stop the ferry, about
700 feet away from shore. He
saw a sampan coming from
shore, which tied alongside the
ferry. This sampan came from
the British side of the Bay—Nim
Wan, witness said. He saw seven
men board the sampan, and saw
them throw the shore. After a
while, when he saw that the men
had left, he started the ferry and
proceeded towards Kowloon.

Witness went on to say that
when the ferry was about to en-
ter the Castle Peak Bay, a police
launch came by. Witness then re-
ported the matter to the police.
A passenger on board who was
convinced during the hold up, was
taken to Castle Peak where he
was later sent to hospital.

Passenger's Evidence

Fan Kun-chor, of Wan Ha
Village, Nam Tau peninsula, said
that on January 13, he had the
occasion to come to Hong Kong
by the ferry Man Tat, which was
then lying off at Ha Ha Village.
The ferry set sail at about 11.45
a.m., when, after a while, he
heard a blast of a whistle. He
looked towards the bow where
he saw a man pointing a revolver
at the coxswain. He heard some-
one shout "Come down your en-
gine," witness said.

He saw two other men, each
with a revolver, at the stern. At
this juncture, he realised that it
was a hold up. He immediately
took off his gold finger ring, which
he had on his person, and hid it
behind his coat collar. At that
time, he also had a wrist watch,
and some money on his person.

Witness went on to say that an
armed man approached him say-
ing, "Where is your ring?" Wit-
ness said he replied that he had
none.

Another man with a pistol,
came up and swore at him, and
fired a shot at his feet. Second
defendant then searched him.

VOLUNTEER CENTRE

HONG KONG
DEFENCE FORCE

The Volunteer Centre Can-
teen (Old Harcourt Club), will
be open 10 a.m. to 11 p.m. from
1st September, 1949.

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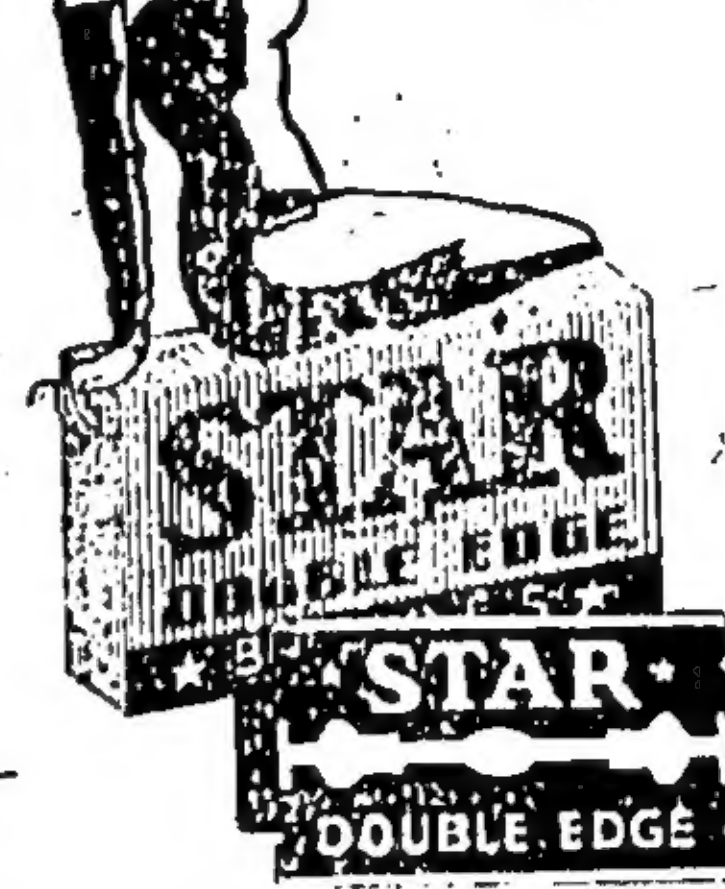
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Chau Foo, aged 32, and Au
Chung, aged 29, both shop
fokis, were charged before Mr.
Hin-shing Lo at Central yester-
day with assaulting Thomas
Henry Evans, of 58 Gloucester
Road, first floor, Wanchai.

It was alleged that on the
morning of September 1, Mr.
Evans told defendants not to make
too much noise. Defendants re-
sented, and later, struck Mr. Evans
on the head with a wooden clog.

Giving evidence Mr. Evans said
that he was a police sergeant on
the Paval Dockyard. At about
1.30 a.m. on September 1, he was
awakened by loud noise of sing-
ing and talking. He shouted out
from the window to stop the
noise, but in vain.

He then went down to the
ground floor, witness continued,
and told defendants to stop the
noise. At that juncture, he knock-
ed down a rice bowl, which was
on the table belonging to defend-
ants.

He went back to his room,
but later, he was informed by
his amah that someone was at
the door. In the meantime, first
defendant and another man
pushed their way into the
room, and pushed him onto the
bed. First defendant then struck
him on the head with a wooden
clog.

Later, he was sent to the Queen
Mary Hospital for medical treat-
ment, witness concluded.

The amah, Fung Ai-ng, said
that she saw second defendant
strike complainant on the head
with a wooden clog.

The case was then adjourned to
September 27. Defendants are on
bail of \$100 each.

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STOWAWAY

Charged with being a stowa-
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Wicks at Kowloon yesterday to
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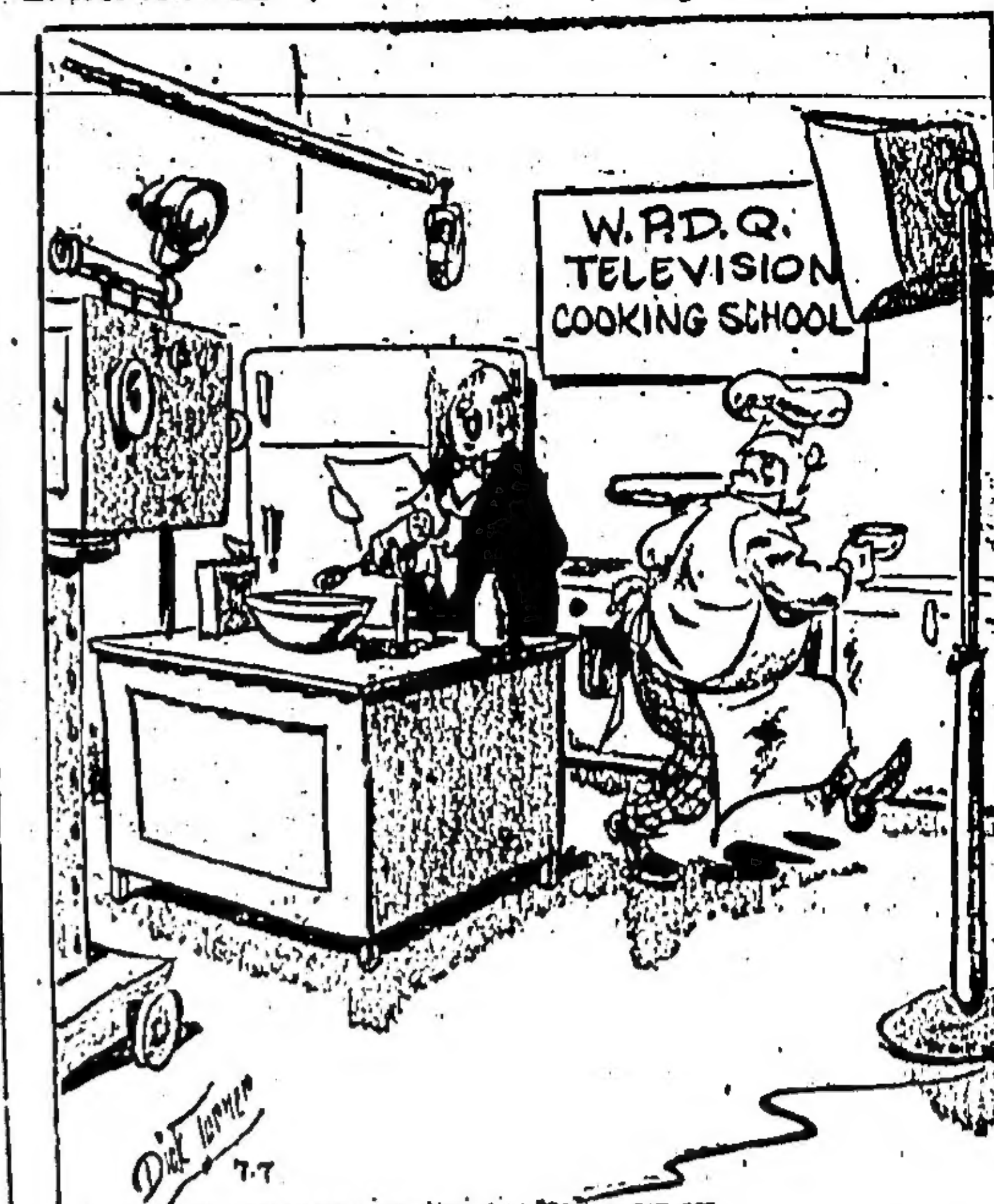
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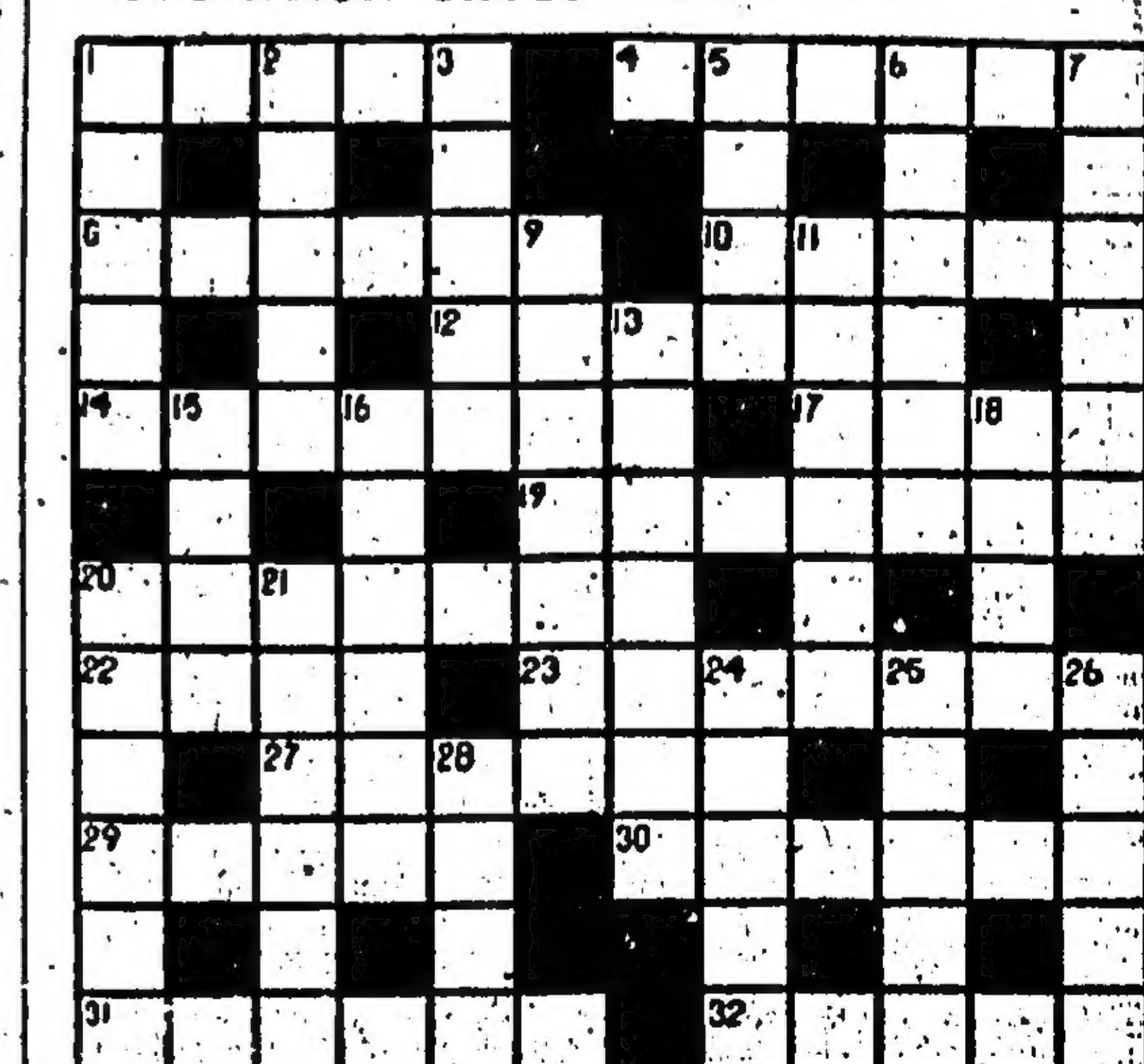
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When West led the 3 of his
partner's first bid suit and the
dummy played the 10, East
promptly played "third hand
high" by covering it with his K.
The singleton A of course won
that, and South now could count
up an easy game. Two more
heart tricks were in sight, plus
five in clubs and the spade A to
give him 9, so he ran them in a
hurry. He led to the club A.
scored the two hearts in dummy,
finished the clubs and then scored
the spade top.
East made a terrible play on
that first trick. Had he stopped
to think, he would have realised
South must hold the A to make
his bid of No Trumps sane. The
only question was whether it was
alone or guarded. If it was
alone or guarded, it was
safer to lead it. West could not have
more than three, which would be
topped by a spot card; in that
event West would have led the
top instead of the bottom.
West's heart 3—lowest heart
not elsewhere in view—was
therefore bound to be a fourth-
best from exactly four. In that
event, the A was singleton with
South. Figuring thus, East should
have played his 6 on the first
trick and kept his K. South then
probably would have tried to
knock out East's diamond re-
entry, with a lead to the K and
A. East then could score the
heart K and lead to the dummy's
Q. As soon as either partner
then got in, as West probably
would do with the diamond Q,
two more hearts would have set
the contract. South could not
possibly build his ninth trick
fast enough except by East's gift
in playing the heart K on the
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(Dealer: West—North-South
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Across
1 Musical time.
4 Pure.
8 Surgical instrument.
10 Deck.
12 Reposed.
14 Impious.
17 Puppet.
20 Daydream.
22 Chess.
23 Scrap.
27 N. American Indian.
28 Spillary.
30 Peril.
31 Lunge.
32 Tendency.

Down
1 Flower.
3 Musical work.
6 Express disapprobation.
8 Not often.
9 Quate.
11 Ransom.
13 Withdraw.
15 Regretted.
16 Enemy.
18 Spare.
20 Men.
21 Gas.
24 Distributed.
25 Bird.
26 Weary.
28 Marries.

Yesterday's Crossword
ACROSS—3 Adapting, 8 Har-
9 Deposits, 11 Depleted, 13 Stay,
15 Teetotal, 16 Talented, 18 Step,
21 Tolerate, 25 Internal, 26 Seed,
27 Trampled.

DOWN—1 Shed, 2 Crop,
3 Diet, 6 Prod, 8 Idiot, 7 Guess,
9 Depot, 10 Fetal, 12 Erect,
Agent, 16 Talon, 17 Level,
Swift, 20 Extra, 21 Trip, 22 Lay,
23 Apex, 24 Eddy.

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Western At Roxy

Rating: * *
A tough, two-fisted Western adventure story is "Blood on the Moon" coming to the Roxy Theatre.

Starring Robert Mitchum in the lead role as a gun-fighter hired by a tough cattle swindler, the production is action-packed but otherwise very naive and single.

Of great interest however, is the performance of Barbara Bel Geddes who skyrocketed to fame for her "Anna Lucasta" effort. She plays her part in the picture with the pleasing effect and sincerity of portrayal that earned her credits in previous Hollywood productions such as "I Remember Mama" and "The Long Night."

"Blood on the Moon" sits on the old Western theme with hardly any variation. Robert Mitchum finds himself in a job in which he has to fight an enemy who is the father of the girl with whom he eventually falls in love, the girl being Barbara Bel Geddes.

As the story continues, however, Mitchum becomes wise and throws in his lot with his former enemies, which, incidentally, happens to be the right side. Robert Preston takes the part of the villain who makes love to his enemy's other daughter (played merely by Phyllis Thaxter) as a means to an evil end.

The picture is highlighted by a viciously brutal two-fisted scrap between Mitchum and Foster. You can guess the rest.

The Eagle Gets Wings

Rating: * * *
"Wings for the Eagle," coming to the Lee Theatre, is a film that does a splendid job of blending individual drama with the one grim story that hovered over all personal conflict during the war—the world struggle to smother the Axis.

But this film tells its story not through the soldiers and sailors on the warring front but through the men and women who turn out the planes.

Ann Sheridan and Dennis Morgan have the leading roles with Jack Carson and George Tobias in the supporting cast. The film is set, for the most part, in the huge Lockheed Aircraft Plant, Ann and Jack play the role of a married couple who split up when Jack becomes irritated over having wasted his money on a "phony" engineering course.

Morgan portrays a care-free character who lands a job at the Lockheed plant in the hope that his craft board would consider his job "essential." But Pearl Harbour changes his mind in a hurry and he realises he had a wrong slant on things.

Dennis also takes advantage of Ann's quarrel with Carson and goes all-out in his attempt to be pleasing but he soon learns that her heart is still with Carson.

Tobias, as usual, gives a splendid performance as the shop foreman whose whole life is wrapped up in Lockheed and, the patriotic fervour to speed up the work. His son, played by Russell Arms, also works at the plant, but leaves to join the air force and Tobias is proud that a papa with a newborn baby.

It is only after the United States' involvement in the war and after Tobias' son pays with his life for his patriotism that Dennis decides he, too, has a debt, both to his country and his friends.

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CINEMA WORLD



THE THREE MUSKETEERS
Tongue In Both Cheeks

"Three Musketeers" Ride The Screen At Queen's, Alhambra

Rating: * * *

"The Three Musketeers," Alexandre Dumas' immortal tale of romance and adventure amid court intrigue, has been brought to the screen with an impressive cast in M-G-M's spectacular Technicolor filmisation, now showing at the Queen's and Alhambra theatres.

The famed tale of the Saxony bumpkin who joins the Musketeers, becomes the first swordsman of France, pledges his loyalty to the King against the sinister machinations of Richelieu, the ambitious prime minister, and the Borgias-like Lady de Winter, and who becomes involved in an ill-fated romance with the lovely Constance, lady-in-waiting to the Queen, moves along at lightning pace.

He unfolds its narrative of daredevil exploits and fantastic feats of heroism against some of the most stupendous 16th century backgrounds ever created for a motion picture.

Lana Turner, cast as the coldly beautiful and cruel Lady de Winter, who twists every man she meets around her jewelled fingers until she attempts to ensnare the wily D'Artagnan and meets a deserved fate at the hands of an executioner, offers one of the most arresting portrayals of her career.

The part of the fearless and flamboyant D'Artagnan is brilliantly enacted by Gene Kelly, who once again demonstrates his extraordinary dexterity in scaling seemingly insurmountable walls, flinging himself from balconies and disarming a dozen duelling opponents single-handed.

June Allyson is sympathetic and appealing as the winsome Constance whose happiness with D'Artagnan is cut short when she is murdered by the ruthless Lady de Winter. Van Heflin scores as the philosophical musketeer, Athos, and Angela Lansbury gives the proper dignity and poise to her role as Queen Anne.

Among those in the large supporting cast whose work stands out are Frank Morgan as the amiable but simple-minded King Louis XIII, Vincent Price as Richelieu, Keenan Wynn as the amusing lackey Planchet, John Sutton as the Duke of Buckingham and Gig Young as Portos.

Director George Sidney has fused his contrasting elements of romance, adventure and fighting action with admirable dramatic clarity, while the picture has been given authentic backgrounds of unusual colour and magnificence by Producer Pandro S. Berman. The result is a pictorialisation of "The Three Musketeers" that should appeal to all local cinema-goers.

Lee Shows Film Drama

Rating: * *
A challenging film, Warner Bros. drama, "The Decision of Christopher Blake," co-starring Alexis Smith and Robert Douglas, is now showing at the Lee Theatre.

In its screen telling, this Broadway stage success, provides profound film fare which audiences housed approve of heartily.

The story itself is simple. A married couple decides to get a divorce after several years of married life. The main problem however is the young son, played by Ted Donaldson, who is bewildered by the move. He overhears certain conversations between his parents, learns there is another woman in his father's life, but is still completely puzzled by the sudden course of events.

His father takes him to the theatre one day, and during the performance the lad falls asleep and dreams about his parents. These dreams crop up periodically, and each time his parents appear in different roles. Young Blake is lifted to the skies in these lapses and tries to solve his problem, but when he awakens he is still "befuddled."

Miss Smith's role demands a quiet poise and command which she handles with marked skill. She also demonstrates wide versatility in the "trick" stanzas, jumping from a femme fatale to a sluttish girl. Douglas, now to Warner's roster, is the father, and conveys that certain depth of character which the role requires.

Young Donaldson has a meaty role. Especially in the flash sequences, is he able to project the scope of his rounded talents. John Hoyt also figures in the scenes, practically running the gamut of characterisations. Mary Wickes, delivers dead-pan cracks which accent the penetrating drama. Cecil Kellaway plays the kindly judge, whose human approach proves so valuable to the young son's happiness.

Prior Godfrey's direction is good. He has directed the "trick" sequences all in black-and-white which while bizarre, demonstrate rare imagination. Both Miss Smith and Douglas appear in these unusual bits, also enacting a series of varied roles.



ALEXIS SMITH
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RATINGS

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- ** Very Good
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REFORM PLANS

There has been a complete and unexplained lack of activities on the part of the Reform Club of Hong Kong for some time past. If there has even been any routine committee work it has not been publicised.

The club may not have been strongly supported as to membership, but a great many liberty-loving people were watching its activities hopefully, and quite a number could have been roped in to help as time went on. Most of them, however, were not too strongly impressed by the reports they read in the Press, and the talk of internal schisms and disagreements was not encouraging.

Almost from the beginning, in fact, it looked as if there was no clear-cut, guiding purpose behind the club, and the published views of leading members were often at variance. There was too much highfalutin talk and too little action, apart from a lack of efficient organisation.

There was obviously a great need for such a body, particularly regarding the modelling of the government on a semi-democratic basis, but even in this respect the club's deliberations resulted in something very different from what might have been expected from a militant group. Their recommendation was largely identical with the previously announced Lo plan, and can have little effect on whatever decision is eventually taken by London.

All this, however, is in the past, and we are not in the habit of indulging in destructive criticism. There have probably been many difficulties known only to those in the inner circles. Apart from that, Hong Kong is not an easy place for reformists and those who want to sweep away the rottenness of the status quo. Both government departments and commercial firms can bring decisive pressure to bear on employees regarded as trying to stir up trouble. A man with no private means and a family to support is not much good to any cause, at today's prices, if he loses his job.

It is possible, too, that "tactical" indirect influence could have been brought to bear, under the many emergency regulations, on individuals who after all are genuinely patriotic. It would not even be necessary to talk of penalties to show the "error of their ways" to loyal citizens who would not want to embarrass the authorities in times of possible crisis.

There are good brains and

MALTA--AN UNEASY ISLAND

By "C. G."

Malta is in the news again. In the early stages of the late European conflict the little sun-soaked island in the Mediterranean was world news because of the terrific pounding she was receiving from Mussolini's Regia Aeronautica and Hitler's Luftwaffe. Later she gained further fame as one of the stepping-off points for the invasion of Sicily, whose coast line is 60 miles away.

During those hectic days Malta was given the George Cross and promised self-government when the struggle was over. The promise was kept, and now the little island hits the headlines again because under her new constitution she finds a difficulty in making both ends meet.

The discharge of 1200 men from the Naval Dockyard may not seem such a drastic reduction when it is pointed out that during the war this establishment employed more than 15,000 men. Unfortunately the island has very few industries to absorb an even smaller number of unemployed, and no approved funds to provide relief.

The withdrawal of the £300,000 foot subsidies, after many years of subsidised bread and milk, must be a heavy blow to the island's financial stability. It would seem as though the Legislative Assembly never anticipated such a possibility when making the estimates prior to Malta becoming her own mistress.

On the other side of the balance sheet it should be remembered that the Home Government has met a bill of £30,000,000 for the repair of war damage, and also that with the lessening of tension in the Middle East and the withdrawal from Palestine and Egypt it was inevitable that the service personnel based on Malta would be reduced.

Malta has an area of 120 square miles, and 300,000 inhabitants. The people are deeply, almost fanatically religious, and, being Roman Catholics, birth control in any form is strictly taboo. Families of 14 and more are by no means uncommon. The problem of how

to feed, house, and employ a steadily increasing population will become more pressing each year.

Migration has long been recognised as the only feasible solution, but while there are thousands of Maltese who are willing and even anxious to try their luck in new lands, the quota imposed by colonial and other governments permit only a trickle of emigrants which does little to relieve the situation.

A Barren Rock

Malta is usually referred to as a barren rock. So indeed it is, or would be so but for the industry of the Maltese peasant. Although in no places more than a few inches deep the soil is very fertile. Ingenious terracing of the hillides with stone-retaining walls to prevent the soil from being washed into the valleys, during the heavy rains, coupled with an intensive and often primitive system of irrigation, enables the farmer to grow two, and sometimes three rotation crops of cereals and vegetables each year.

But a century of this intensive cultivation has impoverished the soil, and there are fears that even with the continued help of subsidised chemical fertilisers the good earth will before long become too tired to provide even a small portion of the island's needs.

There is another facet to the agricultural problem. Prior to the war the peasant smallholders who comprise the farming population lived in a precarious and even primitive existence. The war altered that. During the blockade the intense food shortage made him the most courted and most important member of the community, and his lot improved accordingly. It is not to be expected that he is now prepared to revert to his former lowly state. The good old days of cheap fruit and vegetables are gone for ever.

Long after the blockade had been lifted and the price of imported goods had returned almost to normal, a locally grown orange cost sixpence, a fresh egg eleven pence, and vegetables were four times their pre-war price. If the standard of living of the working class Maltese has improved in a decade—as indeed it has—the cost of living has certainly kept pace with it.

After the Duke of Gloucester opened the first Legislative Assembly in 1947 the new Finance Minister began to look around for some means of raising money by taxation to supplement the weekly state lottery which for many years had provided the bulk of the island's revenue.

Home of Tombola

Malta is the home of tombola. And although the sum which could be raised by taxing this form of amusement was relatively small, even though the "houses" at the La Valette Club sometimes reached £50, a levy was fixed on all public games of tombola. In reply the La Valette immediately closed its doors.

A horse power tax on vehicles was the next thought, and in protest the bus companies on the island, all privately owned, conspired to curtail their services and stopped running early in the evenings. For a while social life, except for the well-to-do, came to a standstill. Malta's two rival breweries had recently merged for the purpose of developing an export trade in bottled beer, and with this purpose in mind were building a large modern brewery on the outskirts of the ancient capital of Mdina.

The new legislators decided to put a tax on beer, and after a protracted correspondence which received considerable publicity (the whole was eventually published in the press at the instigation of the brewers) work on the new brewery was stopped.

The Man Who Runs America's "Concentration Camp"

Every morning at 8.45 a.m., a stocky, well-built man with a kindly eye and a worried expression, smiles aboard an antique, two-funnelled ferryboat at the Southernmost tip of Manhattan Island.

In winter time, he has to muffle himself against the stiff breezes that sweep up New York Harbour from the sea. In summer, he often has to shelter from the broiling sunshine. And the ferry, which is called anonymously and almost menacingly, "Ellis Island," steers a chugging course in the shadow of towering Wall Street skyscrapers across the refuse-littered waters of the harbour towards the green Statue of Liberty by the New Jersey shore.

Dodging between freighters and motor launches, transatlantic liners, or rusting oil-tankers, and brushing everything from 20-ft. square to paper cups from its path, the ferry then heads in North of the Statue towards a small island, where forbidding red-brick buildings are clustered, prisonwise on the shore.

But as the ferry comes closer, the passengers can see a 12-ft. double wire fence, with two strands of barbed wire on top, running round the Northern group of buildings. And closer still, they can see long stretches of perfectly-tended lawn, and a slipway dead ahead.

As the stocky man walks ashore, the uniformed guards by the slipway give him an informal salute and his many friends on the island might give him a "Hi, Phil" or a handshake, or a slap on the back as he walks through dimly-lit corridors to his office in the wire-circled buildings.

He is Mr. Philip Forman, Chief of the Department of Parole and Detention (in that order). New York Harbour, a man who has been accused of running "America's No. 1. Concentration Camp"—Ellis Island.

But he is so far from the popular conception of the Chief of

character among the Reform Club members, however, and we would suggest to them that there is much work to be done which need have no effect on security. Some people already have their eye on the rice situation. Could there not be an expose of the housing racket? And are hotel residents so satisfied with their lot that they would be unwilling to start agitation for a square deal? Why are our health measures not as adequate as those for military defence? And so on.

In view of the slow but definite growth of community consciousness in the Colony, we cannot believe the Reform Club will die through lack of support, and we would strongly recommend those in charge to whip up public interest, hold regular and frequent meetings, and try to get these things done which the government in its present form will never do by itself.

Ellis Island—that he wears ordinary civilian suits, and is never happier than when he is sitting in with a group of the detainees, listening to their problems.

Ellis Island itself has the reputation of a concentration camp,

By RODNEY CAMPBELL

principally from its records in the far-off days before the First World War when 5,000 or 6,000 immigrants a day were packed into special refrigerated rooms. It has its own laundry, its own hospital and first aid rooms. It has its own railway ticket office, meeting rooms, sports grounds, chapel, library, baggage room, dining hall and kitchen.

Mr. Forman does not have to intervene in actual legal issues. That is done by Special Inquiry Boards, which meet on the island every day to decide whether or not an immigrant should be admitted to the United States.

He has to see the Detention Station is run efficiently, and he has to decide the balance between Detention Station and Rest Camp that Ellis Island must inevitably be.

Much of his paper-work concerns the problem of supply. The island has its own power station, and it stores £3,000 worth of food in special refrigerated rooms. It has its own laundry, its own hospital and first aid rooms. It has its own railway ticket office, meeting rooms, sports grounds, chapel, library, baggage room, dining hall and kitchen.

Mr. Forman has to see that everything is running well. His Administration Assistant Mr. Booth, hands him a report every day.

Round Of Inspection

Then, either just before or just after lunch (Mr. Forman and his staff eat the same food as the detainees), he makes his round of inspection. He sees the quarters of the 400 immigrants and potential deportees presently detained on Ellis Island and inspects the kitchen and welfare and sanitation arrangements.

Often he passes through the recreation rooms for a chat with the detainees. If any of them have any special problems, there is absolutely nothing to prevent them coming up to speak to him about them.

Then back to the office, and more paper-work. Sometimes interviews are scheduled for him with senior officials from Washington, or G.I. brides from Australia or Aberdeen who are waiting for their boy friends from Centralia or Sioux City to come and meet them and clear up what might only be technical passport

difficulties. Often Mr. Forman has to be a psychologist as well as an immigration official.

Maybe by 5.30, but often late into the night, Mr. Forman will finish his day, and will take another ferry-boat back across the Harbour, to Manhattan. But this will only be the first stage of his journey back to his home on Long Island, where his wife will have a most pleasant waiting for him. "Man Who Runs America's Concentration Camp!"

Task Of Occupation Not Over

Tokyo, September 1.
A framework for democratisation of Japan has been provided but the task confronting the Occupation is far from being completed, General Chu Shih-ming, chief of the Chinese Mission and member of the Allied Council for Japan, said today.

General Chu participated in the signing of the Japanese surrender aboard the battleship Missouri, in Tokyo Bay four years ago.

"Democratisation is an essentially long and painstaking process," General Chu said. "Its eventual realisation hinges on the effectiveness of the re-education programme and Japan's own determination to learn and accept democratic ways. A magnificent framework has been provided but it will take years to change the old habits of thought. In this sense the task confronting the Occupation and the Japanese people is far from being completed."

General Chu warned that Occupation officials should not relax their vigilance on the democratisation programme while they are contributing their efforts to speed up the Japanese economic recovery.

He said that if vigilance is neglected, it is highly conceivable that there may arise both internal and external factors to thwart their endeavours.

General Chu added that there must be continued exercise of democratic control over Japan's revised economic power—United Press.

NEW PARTY IN INDONESIA

Batavia, August 31.
A new Party, the "Party of the Greater Moluccas", has been established in Ambon. It aims at fighting for "People's Democracy" in the Moluccas and New Guinea.

The new Party favours the inclusion of the Moluccas and New Guinea in a free and sovereign Indonesia—Reuter.

No matter in which direction the new legislators looked for revenue they met with active opposition.

It can readily be understood that an accumulation of difficulties such as these has brought the present situation until the premier himself threatens to resign.

Remarkable History

Malta has a remarkable history and has known many civilisations. Even before the Phoenicians were using the island as a trading base, a forgotten race had erected temples unthought within the last century, to an unknown deity. Antiquarians estimate that the ruins of the temple of Hagar Kim are at least 5,000 years old.

The catacombs at Rabat had been in existence hundreds of years before the early Christians began to use them as burial places. A temple to Juno once stood on the site of the present fort of St. Angelo.

Although at one time the subject of controversy, it is now generally accepted that Malta was the island on which St. Paul was shipwrecked while on the way to his trial in Rome, and Moffat's translation mentions the island by name. The Maltese claim Publius of the scriptures as the first bishop of Malta.

The Romans occupied the island, and a Roman museum now covers the site of what is believed to have been the governor's residence in Rabat. It contains a beautiful mosaic floor and some splendid specimens of statuary found near the site during excavations.

But the most wonderful period of Malta's history of which there are records began in 1530 when the island came into the possession of the Knights of St. John of Jerusalem, who used it as a base for their crusades.

In 1565 the Knights, under their Grand Master La Valette, were besieged in their islands fortress by the Saracens, and the story of the siege is one of the most thrilling in history. The Maltese celebrate September 8, the day on which the siege was raised, as their national day.

The eight-pointed cross, emblem of the Knights, and worn on the breast of their mantles at the initiation ceremony, was appropriately adopted by the St. John's Ambulance Brigade. The Knights had both militant and secular sections of the Order, and wounded men of both sides received care and treatment—a most unusual procedure in those barbaric days, when a badly wounded man was considered an embarrassment to be disposed of by the simple expedient of putting an end to his life.

After the siege La Valette decided to build a new city on the rocky spit of land from which the guns of the Saracens had bombarded the Knights' fortress of St. Angelo on the opposite side of the harbour. The plans made provision for a hospital, the main ward of which was 503 feet long. It is reputed to be the longest room in Europe. The building has not been used for its original purpose for many years, and during the war was badly damaged by enemy bombs.

Valetta, the modern capital of Malta, suffered severely during two years of almost incessant bombing. But a new city is again springing up on the ruins of the old, a city which is dazzling white with newly quarried limestone, and which bids fair to merit the description given by Sir Walter Scott to the original city of La Valette. He said it was beautiful and quite like a dream.

According to one news agency, "The Government is going to build ordinance factories."

Churning these ruddy regulations out by mass production...? I'm agin it.

Some American cities are having a campaign to keep people from tramping all over the carefully kept grass in the parks.

I rather liked one sign they're putting up: "I want to be a lawn!"

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"Ratty roles have been hoisting haughty beauties into stardom, according to a contemporary yesterday."

A lot of those Hollywood wenchies should have been hog-tied a long time ago.

"Racial segregation begins in South African post office," the same journal reported. (It didn't say which post office.)

That postal order will stamp the Maladministration as white wrong.

"Daughter to Patient."

Everything comes to her who waits.

"Thal Fears"—are greater than mine.

Slogan of the quillotine: first come, first severed.

I used to love to watch the rain cascading down the window pane. To see the silver droplets grow. Until they merged in one big flow. I used to love this simple sight. But now I hate it, day or night. For since then fate has had a win.

The window's cracked: the rain comes in.

From Britain's point of view, it seems that the recent trade agreement with Denmark includes some very acceptable provisions.

A writer claims that there is too much face saving going on in China.

In this game the Communists appear to have a natural advantage of two to one.

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London And Belgrade Exchange Views

WEST NEUTRAL IN DISPUTE

London, August 31.

A Foreign Office spokesman said here today that the possibility of Yugoslavia bringing her dispute with the Soviet Union before next month's session of the United Nations General Assembly is an obvious one.

Britain has asked Yugoslavia whether it intends to accuse Russia before the U.N. Security Council of threatening the peace of the world.

British officials, who reported this today, said Marshal Tito's Government has also presumably been asked to pass along any proof of Russian troop movements around the Yugoslav-Hungarian frontier.

They said the Western powers themselves are keeping out of the quarrel between the Tito regime and the Soviet Union. They do not intend to raise the issue before the Security Council themselves.

Yugoslavia, these sources said, may remain silent for the time being unless Russian pressure against it takes a more active form.

The informants stressed the informal nature of the Anglo-Yugoslav exchanges. The British query came in the course of these informal talks. There has been no formal note on the subject.

Yugoslavia was calm today in the face of spreading rumours of hostile troop concentrations on the Cominform frontiers, a new staff note from Russia and speculation that Marshal Tito may seek U.N. intervention in the dispute with Russia.

Officially there was no confirmation of troop movements or indication of counter-thrusts to a Russian-promoted offensive in the Balkan cold-war.

It should be emphasised that the Yugoslavs themselves are showing no concern over the possibility that the struggle between their country and the Cominform may turn into a shooting war.

Belgrade Calm

The American Embassy in Belgrade is taking things calmly and showing scant signs of anticipating a showdown now in the dispute.

On the outskirts of Belgrade, Yugoslavs thronged to an outdoor presentation of ballet. Theatres are packed. In the restaurants, there is little gossip about war.

It is, Cominform troop movements are part of a scare plot in a war of nerves, it looks like a futile campaign.

Soviet troop and plane movements reported near the Yugoslav-Rumanian border are believed in Belgrade to be a sharpening of the anti-Tito "nerve war" and not a threat of Soviet military action.

Usually reliable sources in Belgrade reported that elements of two Soviet armoured divisions stationed in Rumania have been approaching the Yugoslav border during the last two days. They are said to have tanks. Supporting planes are also reported to have moved West in Rumania.

The reports came as Moscow Radio was repeatedly broadcasting the full text of yesterday's note accusing Marshal Tito of "double dealing" with the West.

Russian HQ

The Russians are said to be concentrating and settling up headquarters around Timisoara, about 30 miles from the Yugoslav border. In North West Rumania. According to the sources responsible for these reports, the latest movements mean that the

elements of about five divisions are near the Yugoslav border.

The Yugoslav Trade Union organ "Borba" today accused the Russian and Cominform press of slandering the Yugoslav Army, adding: "This campaign of calumny was launched against the Yugoslav army because it constitutes the main obstacle to the aims of the Cominform States."

"The Cominform people know well that the Yugoslav army is one of the main pillars of the Socialist State and the protector of the people," the newspaper continued.

"Just as the Army stood as one man besides the resistance movement against the attempts to subjugate our country, so it will remain the reliable supporter of the people's regime of Yugoslavia, of the Communist Party of the Central Committee, and of its Commander-in-Chief, Comrade Tito, who are all resisting the attempts to destroy our independence wherever they may come from."

Tanjong, the official Yugoslav news agency, today denied foreign press reports of Yugoslav troop concentrations in Macedonia.

Reply To Note

"Borba," the official Yugoslav newspaper, will tomorrow reply to the Soviet note of August 29, in which Yugoslavia was accused of betraying her own interests on Slovene Carinthia.

"This latest Soviet reply" repeats in the main assertions from the preceding note of the Soviet Government of August 11, with the difference that this time the reply has been far more extensive," the "Borba" article stated.

"This verbatim, on the one hand, shows that the Soviet Government finds it difficult to defend its incorrect position and so it ventures into verbiage and explanations without concrete facts."

"On the other hand, such wordiness shows also that the Soviet Government is aware that it is here defending itself, since it has committed an undemocratic act in abandoning the just claims of Yugoslavia to Slovene Carinthia."

Members of Belgrade's National Defence Corps today assured Marshal Tito of their support in the struggle against "the apostles of the Cominform."

"To all their manoeuvres we are opposing our growing Socialism which cannot be demolished by the insults of Moscow or other Cominform countries," the Corps' message said.

Italian Interest

The Italian Minister to Belgrade, Signor Enrico Martino, cut short a holiday in Austria today to hurry to Rome for talks on the Yugoslav situation with the Carlo Sforza.

It was later announced that he will return to Belgrade tomorrow.

Scientist Under A Cloud

Newcastle-on-Tyne, August 31.

The British Association for the Advancement of Science voted today to postpone the nomination of Professor J. D. Bernal, the physicist, for membership in the organisation's Council because of statements which he is reported to have made at the recent Peace Congress in Moscow.

The Association, holding its 111th annual meeting here, decided that the physicist, a Professor at Birbeck College, and a former Cambridge lecturer, should answer questions to be put to him by the Association after his return to Britain.

In a speech at Gorky Park, Moscow, on Friday, he was reported to have said: "It was not mass bombing that defeated Germany but the heroic Red Army."

Professor Bernal also said: "In capitalist countries, the direction of science is in the hands of those whose only aim is to destroy and torture people so that their own profits may be secured for some years longer."

"They show this by their choice of weapons — not weapons of contest against equal opponents, but weapons of mass destruction meant for destroying houses and fields, for the poisoning of men, women and children."

He is a Fellow of the Royal Society. At March this year, he was one of the four British delegates to the "World Peace Congress" in New York whose visas were revoked by the U.S. State Department.—Reuter.

TARIFF TREATY REVISION

Karachi, August 31.

Britain has agreed in principle to a revision of her 10-year-old trade and tariff agreement with India as far as it applies to Pakistan. A usually reliable source said here tonight.

This source said that it is unlikely that the Dominion of India will press for any such revision at present as she is enjoying reciprocal advantages but in Pakistan's case only about 10 per cent of her exports to Britain are granted favourable duties while about half her imports from Britain enjoy preferential rates.

The new agreement with Britain, which will be fairer to Pakistan, will probably be concluded before the present agreement is allowed to lapse, the same source said.

Under the present agreement, made in 1939, when conditions were very different, Pakistan enjoyed preferential duties on the tea, carpets and bones she sent to Britain.

The value of these concessions to Pakistan was about 35,000,000 rupees last year, the source added, while the value of Pakistan's preferential duties to Britain was about 80,000,000 rupees.

The new treaty to replace this old treaty, which for Pakistan had outgrown its advantages, has been under consideration by both Governments for some time, he said.—Reuter.

Canberra, August 31.

The Defence Minister, Mr. J. Dedman, today said: "Australia is most anxious that the Japanese peace treaty talks be held as soon as possible."—United Press.

Czechoslovaks Seal Austrian Frontier

Vienna, August 31.

Austrian Foreign Office officials said tonight that Czechoslovakia has closed its border with Austria without explanation and said the Foreign Ministry is concerned because of the evidence of Soviet manoeuvres near the Yugoslav borders.

One official said: "The border is hermetically sealed. No incoming or outgoing traffic has been permitted since this morning."

Neither the Austrian Legation in Prague nor the Czech Legation in Vienna can explain the action, he added.

"The only answer we have received was, 'We do not know how long this condition will last, but there is nothing serious behind it.'"

The source said the Foreign Ministry is concerned over the closing because of increased evidence of manoeuvres by Soviet and satellite troops near the Yugoslav border.—United Press.

RUSSIAN MOVE AT UN FAILS

Lake Success, August 31.

Russia failed here today in an attempt to have Indonesia removed from the category of "non self-governing territory" on the grounds that it is an independent State.

Mr. A. Soldatov, the Soviet delegate, proposed to the United Nations Committee on non-self-governing territories that it should refuse to discuss the information which the Netherlands Government had submitted about Indonesia.

He said that a study of the Lingardjati agreement proved that the Republic of Indonesia had become an independent State.

The subsequent "Renville agreement", to which the Netherlands Government referred, had been imposed on Indonesia by force and was, therefore, not legal and binding, he said.

No information relating to Indonesia, transmitted by the Netherlands, should, therefore, be discussed in the Committee.

Mr. A. I. Spilts, Netherlands, said that the Committee itself had no competence to decide on the righteousness of what information it should or should not discuss.

He was contradicted by Mr. Li Tieh-tseng, China, who thought that the Committee had a right to decide whether information transmitted by governments did, in fact, deal with a non-self-governing territory.

He was supported by Mr. D. Shiva Rao, India, who said that the Committee was entitled to scrutinise the question whether the information properly fell under Article 73 (E) of the Charter.

Real Question

This Article asks governments which administer non-self-governing territories to submit regular information to the United Nations on economic, social and educational conditions in their territories.

Mr. Shiva Rao added that the real question was whether the Republic of Indonesia came within the category of a non-self-governing territory.

If not, the Committee was competent to decide that certain information transmitted no longer concerned a territory which was non-self-governing.

The British, Australian and Dominion representatives all stated that the Committee did not have the competence to decide on the question.

This view was sustained by a vote of 12 to four, India, China, Egypt and the U.S.S.R. voting against.—Reuter.

NOT FOR EARS OF CHILDREN

Hamburg, August 31.

Lieutenant-General Sir Frank Simpson, President of the War Crimes Court trying the former Nazi Field Marshal, Erich Von Manstein, today asked British mothers to remove their children from the courtroom so that they would not hear "terrible things."

The President interrupted an Assistant Prosecuting Counsel who was presenting documentary evidence.

Several young boys left the courtroom. Children of British Control Commission officials, accompanying their mothers, have attended each session.

About an hour later, two more British women entered the Court with a five-year-old boy. Apparently not noticed by the President, he put on earphones and listened to the evidence. But former Field Marshal von Manstein saw him and disapprovingly shook his head.

Earlier the Court rejected a defence submission that the people who compiled the documents mentioned by the Prosecution should be called as witnesses for cross-examination.

The Court said that it was open to the defence to make applications in any particular matter as they thought fit.

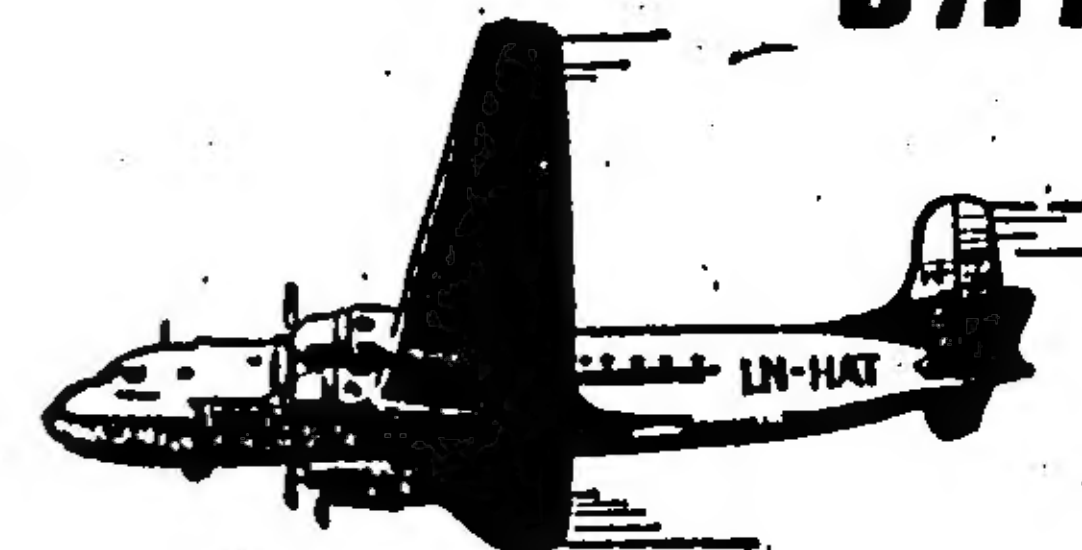
Dr. Hans Laternser, German Defence Counsel, complained that the defence had not been given a chance to cross-examine the Polish witnesses, whose evidence was recently taken in Poland about alleged atrocities.—Reuter.

POLIO IN INDIA

Lake Success, August 31.

The World Health Organisation today announced that five iron lungs will be flown from New York on Saturday for Bombay to combat the infantile paralysis outbreak in India.—United Press.

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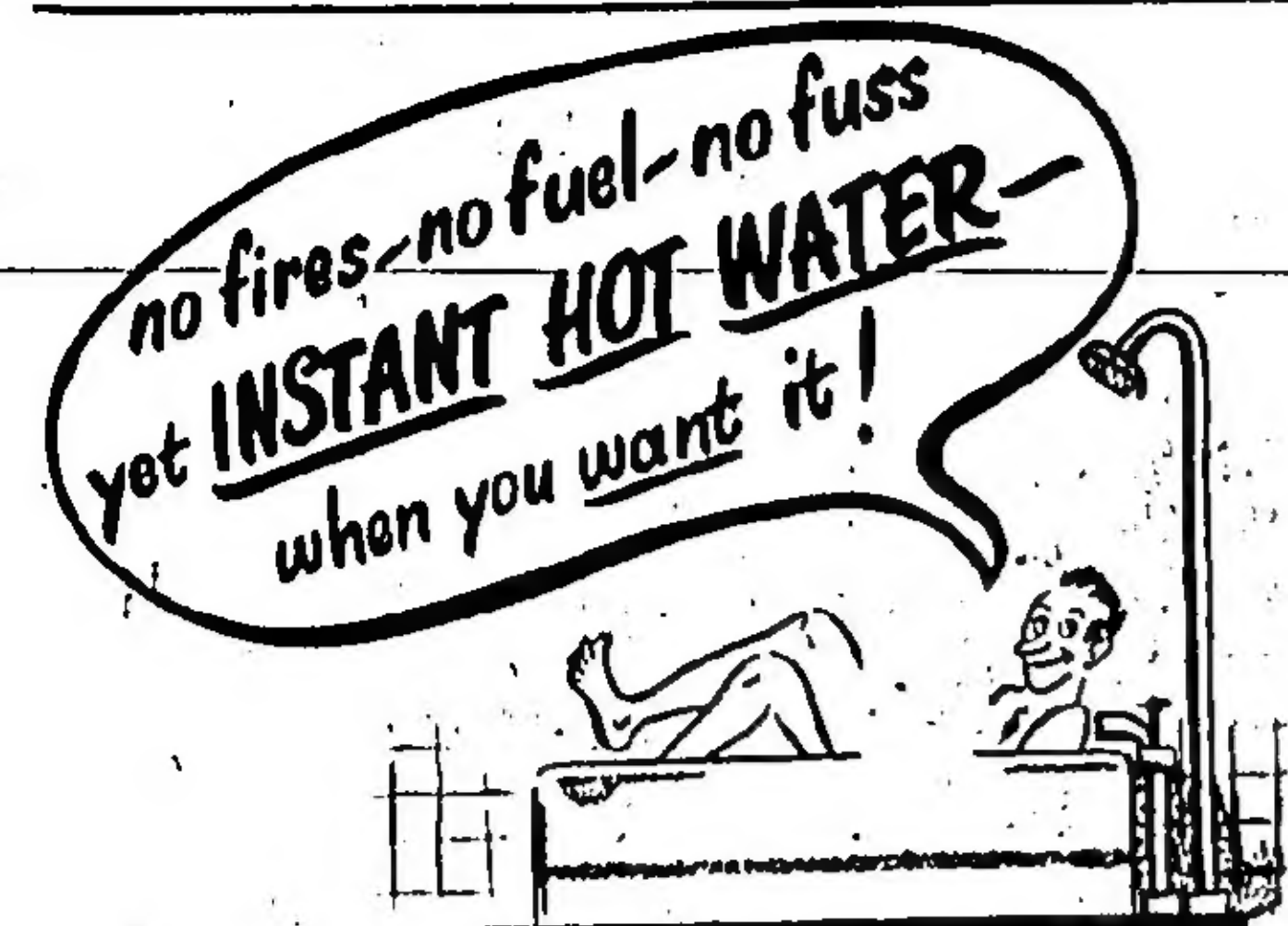
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RED INFLUENCE IN BURMA SAID NEGLECTIBLE

Karachi, August 31.

U Maung, Burmese Foreign Minister, declared here today that there are no more than 2,000 real Communists in the whole of Burma in his opinion and they are getting no supplies of arms from Russia or anywhere else.

"They obtain arms from supplies left over from the war and by loot," he declared.

"If the Karens had not begun their campaign we could easily have stopped the Communists," he added.

U Maung was speaking at a press conference on his way back to Burma after visiting Britain and the United States where he discussed the Burma situation in relation to British and American policy.

There is no consistent co-operation, he claimed, between the various groups fighting the Government.

"Sometimes they unite against us. Sometimes they fight each other. In that case we leave them alone," he said.

U Maung stated he had received news that Lashio had not fallen to the Karens as was reported earlier this week. It had been taken by a group of about 100 Karens who had been paid 400,000 rupees to fight for the Karens.

Burma Support For Pakistan

They had then left the Karens and were taking the money to their homes North of Lashio. He thought they had attacked Lashio

to rob the bank and the local Treasury.

"So far no area recaptured by the Government has been lost," U Maung continued. "There has been no effective occupation of the Lashio area."

U Maung, who talked with Pakistan's Foreign Minister, Sir Mohammed Zafrullah Khan, just before the conference, said that Burma would support Pakistan on the question of the Italian colonies at the coming United Nations session at Lake Success.

Sir Mohammed said last week that Pakistan would urge the creation of an independent united Libya and the disposal of Eritrea according to the wishes of its people.

U Maung said that he would represent Burma at Lake Success and that either during or after the session he would visit London to finalise an agreement for a supply of arms to Burma with the British Defence Minister, Mr. A.V. Alexander.

This would be in September or early October.

Burma is already receiving arms and has obtained some from India and Pakistan, U Maung said.

He added that Burma has not received any invitation to the proposed conference of Far East anti-Communist nations in the Philippines. But there have been feelings.

He said he had told the Pakistani Ambassador in Washington that if Pakistan were to go to this conference, Burma would also take part.

Foreign Capital

U Maung said that during his recent visits to Britain and the United States there had been successful negotiations for commercial agreements but they were not yet complete.

Burma had been offered enough foreign capital to meet her requirements.

It had not been decided what percentage of local capital the Government would demand in foreign enterprise but foreign firms would be allowed to remit their profits home.

About nationalisation of foreign businesses in Burma, he said. "We have not been able to agree what 'equitable compensation' means, but as a result of the present negotiations there was hope some early agreement will be reached."

British and United States industrialists are to establish heavy industries in Burma including steel rolling-mills and a zinc processing factory.

The Government is also to build ordnance factories.

U Maung, who arrived here on Monday night, is to leave for Rangoon tomorrow.—Reuter.

U.S. Airmen Still Held By Commies

Washington, August 31.

The State Department is making representations to the highest Chinese Communist authorities in Peking to secure the release of two American airmen who disappeared on a flight over Tsingtao on October 19, 1948.

The Department said today that previous repeated efforts by the Navy and State Department to secure their release were unsuccessful.

The men are reported to be safe and well.

The Department said that the airmen, members of the United States naval headquarters at Tsingtao, who failed to return from a routine training flight, were later reported to be in Communist-controlled territory.—Reuter.

NORTH ATLANTIC COUNCIL

London, August 31.

The Council which was established by the North Atlantic Treaty will hold its first meeting in Washington on September 17.

The Foreign Office announced today.

Under Article 9 of the Atlantic Pact, the Council was set up to consider matters concerning the implementation of this treaty.

The Foreign Office added that it was expected that the Foreign Ministers of all the parties to the Pact will attend.—Reuter.

SERVICE PLANE CRASHES IN U.S.

San Diego, California, August 31.

All 10 members of the crew were killed when a giant United States Navy Martin Mariner flying boat crashed into the sea near San Diego today.

The Navy reported at first that some survivors had been picked up but it announced later that all the crew had died. The flying boat had taken off from the naval air station at San Diego on a routine training flight shortly before the crash.

Two members of the crew were killed when an American B-45 jet bomber crashed and burned today on a cotton plantation near Dixie, Louisiana.

The B-45 normally carries a crew of four.—Reuter.

PROGRESS MADE IN JAPAN

Tokyo, September 1.

Remarkable and beneficial progress has been achieved in occupied Japan during the four years since the end of the war, Mr. Hendrik Mouw, Dutch Ambassador and chief of the Netherlands mission, told the United Press in an exclusive statement.

"This promising result," he said, "has been reached by a fortunate combination of military necessity and broad vision, contributing to the spiritual and material reconstruction of a peaceful Japan."

"The manner and spirit in which the Occupation is conducted guarantees that in due time Japan will again become a member of the brotherhood of free and democratic nations of the world."

Ambassador Mouw said he believed the experiences of the past four Occupation years have made the Japanese people feel grateful, adding that chaotic conditions prevailing in many countries of Asia has brought home to all the blessings of the political tranquility in Japan, which favours Japan's internal rehabilitation and re-orientation towards a peaceful and representative democracy.

He added: "It is heartening to know thanks to the Occupation and the co-operation of Japanese, there is progress in Japan; for progress in Japan means also progress in Asia."—United Press.

DIREDAWA RIOT

Asmara, August 31.

The total injured when 400 Ethiopian railwaymen rioted at the Diwedawa premises of the Franco-Ethiopian Railway Company last week was today given officially as 27, of whom 13 were French nationals.

Emperor Haile Selassie has ordered that the leaders of the riot should be hanged. The strike of railwaymen at Diwedawa continues, but normal work is proceeding at Addis Ababa.

The cause of the trouble is still unknown.—Reuter.

CAMPAIGN FOR HELP FOR CHINA GOES ON

Philadelphia, August 31.

The American Legion today refused to write off China as lost and called on the United States to help the Chinese fight the Communists.

The Legion, in a resolution approved unanimously at its National Convention, appealed to the Chinese people to throw out all foreign ideologies aimed at setting up totalitarianism, and domination in the interest of a foreign power.

But the United States had not yet fallen completely asleep, he said.

"Now we are fully awake, grimly determined that history shall not repeat itself. Already we have gone a long way to correct the mistake of our demobilisation stampede."

Balkans Danger
The U.S. Army, Navy and Air Force are getting better every day, stronger, and more effective, Mr. Johnson said.

"Moreover, they are rounding themselves into one team—a team that will make all our enemies stop, look and listen before attempting aggression across our tracks."

General William (Wild Bill) Donovan, wartime head of the Office of Strategic Services, warned Legionnaires that the Balkans may again become the danger point that could lead to another world war.

General Donovan said the Russians may reply to defiance by Yugoslavia's Marshal Tito by guerrilla warfare that could set off a world-wide battle.—Associated Press.

Opposition To Communism

The Legion also affirmed its faith in the United Nations, the Marshall Plan and the North Atlantic pact.

"We are opposed to Communism under any cloak," the Legion said.

"Appasement of the aggressors constitutes surrender of our freedom on the installment plan."

Calling to the United States to spearhead a move for an international police force against aggressors, another Legion resolution urged North Atlantic pact nations to hold in the strengthening of the UN charter so that eventually it will be the United Nations and not the North Atlantic countries, that will police world aggressors.

The Secretary of Defence, Louis Johnson, told the Convention that the United States can insure permanent peace only by keeping awake and preparing accordingly.

U.S. On Alert

Mr. Johnson, former National Commander of the Legion, declared:

"We shall build our ramparts so strong that no aggressor will dare attack us. We must achieve peace—and we will achieve it. We will achieve it in the only way possible in this world of today—affirmatively—by unmitigated strength of land and sea and in the air."

The Defence Secretary, in what he described as his first public address as head of the new department, said Russia has been following since V-J Day the same source Japan took at the end of World War I.

KOREANS APPEAL TO U.S.

Washington, August 31.

The new Republic of South Korea appealed to the United States today for military aid to meet any possible attack from Communist-dominated North Korea.

The appeal, made by President Syngman Rhee, was conveyed to Mr. Truman today by Dr. John Myun Chlang, the South Korean Ambassador here.

"We are right on the spot," the Ambassador told reporters after his 15-minute interview with Mr. Truman. "We need very quick action by the United States."

After disclosing the message from his President asking for arms and ammunition as quickly as possible, the Ambassador added: "We feel that there might be some imminent danger of an attack from the North, and we should be well prepared for it."

"We want quick action by the United States in supplying us with arms and ammunition to the maximum degree. We feel that we are right on the spot and entitled to prime consideration."

The Ambassador said that South Korea feels that President Truman is doing his utmost to comply with the request.

Early this month, the South Korean Army reported that more than 4,000 troops had crossed the border from North Korea, which was occupied until last autumn by Soviet forces and has a Soviet-sponsored Government.

The possibility of a Pacific anti-Communist Pact was discussed by Dr. Rhee and Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek, the Chinese Nationalist leader, recently.—Reuter.

BRITONS IN KAREN TOWN

Rangoon, August 31.

It is now known that 23 British nationals are in the rebel-held city of Taunggyi, a spokesman for the British Embassy said in Rangoon today. Earlier reports put the figure at 16.

Foreign embassies at Rangoon are still waiting for the return of their representatives including five consuls who are on a mercy mission to the Karen-held city to obtain the release of their nationals.

Fourteen American nationals, the first batch of foreigners evacuated from Taunggyi, arrived here tonight by chartered plane.

Some Kachin tribesmen who have been fighting with the Karen rebels against the Burma Government have now deserted them and want to return to their native villages, a Burma Government spokesman said today.

Two companies of Kachin army deserters joined the Karens earlier this year when they overran Taunggyi and Mandalay in Central Burma. One company surrendered to the Government soon afterwards, but the other remained with the rebels.—Reuter and Associated Press.

RAOC Man Sentenced

Fayid, August 31.

Captain Mark Plinick, of the Royal Army Ordnance Corps, was sentenced by a court-martial here today to be reprimanded on charges arising from the "human torch" case.

Captain Plinick was charged with failing, when on active service, to investigate the ill-treatment of an Egyptian civilian, Ali Hussein, by nine British soldiers, though this had been reported to him.

The nine soldiers had received severe floggings for doing grievous bodily harm to the Egyptian.

What was thought to be water but was actually petrol was thrown over the Egyptian, who was suspected of theft. His petrol-soaked clothing burst into flames on coming into contact with a lighted cigarette. He later recovered from his injuries.—Reuter.

FDR JR. MARRIED

New York, August 31.

Representative Franklin D. Roosevelt, Jr., and Miss Suzanne Ferrin were married today in the home of the bride's mother.

Among those present was Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt, mother of the bridegroom.—United Press.

CONVICT'S OFFER

Naples, August 31.

A convict, Giuseppe Lamanca, one-time bandit chieftain, offered from his prison cell today to make amends to society by capturing Italy's bandit "king," Salvatore Giuliano, in one day.

Lamanca, who still has most of a 15-years sentence to serve for banditry, said in an open letter to the Government: "There is no time to lose. Your men will accomplish nothing. Give me only one day of liberty and I will go immediately to Monteleone (Sicily) and capture Giuliano. Thus I will render a great service to the nation."—Reuter.

ULSTER ATTACKED AT STRASBOURG

Strasbourg August 31.

Ireland's deputy Prime Minister, William Norton, today attacked North Ireland's action in revoking 41 orders under the Special Powers Act.

He called it a move to "save British faces badly smudged at Strasbourg."

"The six-county Government," Mr. Norton said, still retains powers which are a negation of democracy in times of peace and the retention of these powers is evidence of the methods used by the six-county Government against its political opponents.

"Liberty and the six-county government are contradictory," Mr. Norton, who is the leader of the Irish delegation to the European Consultative Assembly in Strasbourg, told the Associated Press that one of the powers retained by Northern Ireland is

the authority to ban opposition party meetings.

"This is directly contrary to a provision of the bill of human rights drawn up here at Strasbourg by the legal and administrative committees (presided over by Britain's Sir David Maxwell-Fyfe)."

The proposed bill of rights also provides for full liberty of meeting and association.

HONG KONG DRINK PLANT WINS HONOR IN U.S.



Cosmos Aerated Water Co., (HK) Ltd., bottlers of "COSMOS" beverages in Hong Kong, recently gained recognition in the bottling industry when it was featured in the whole page of the "JULE TIMES" a publication in Chicago, Illinois, dedicated to the men and women in the bottling industry.

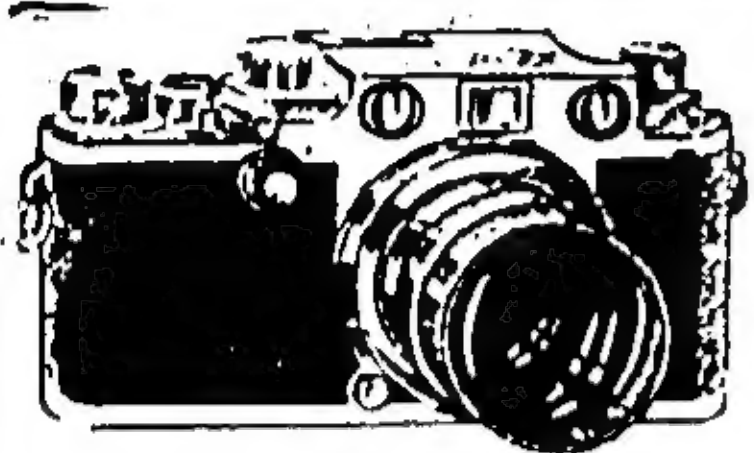
Hubert G. H. Wong is President and General Manager of the company, which has gone through hazardous times since it was founded in Manila in 1918 by the late Wong Ning, father of the manager. During the Japanese occupation, the plant in Manila was closed and Wong Ning was put to prison. The Japanese operated the plant for a short period of time. Wong Ning died a few months before liberation. After liberation the plant was razed to the ground by fire, and his sons undertook the reorganization and rehabilitation of the bottling factory.

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Merle Oberon Sees Fiance Killed In Crash

Cannes, August 31.

Count Giorgio Cini, wealthy Italian hotel owner, was killed in a plane crash today before the terrified eyes of his film actress fiancée, Merle Oberon. Miss Oberon had come to the airport to see him off on a trip to Venice.

DUTCH TO TRAIN NEW NAVY

The Hague, August 31.

Talks are expected to open here soon between the Dutch and Indonesian delegations on re-organization of the future Indonesian Federal Navy.

A separate section of the Dutch Naval Department in Batavia has been at work on preliminary details for some weeks.

Rear-Admiral H. C. W. Moorman, secretary of State for the Dutch Navy and member of the Dutch conference delegation, said today that the Dutch Navy would be glad to help the Federal Indonesian Navy in every way it could within the limits of Atlantic Pact obligations.

A start has already been made in the training of Indonesians as officers.

The Dutch Navy is also prepared to train technical staff in Holland below the rank of officer and organize the training of lower ranks in Indonesia.

The talks between the Indonesians and the Dutch will also deal with a joint Republican-Federalist proposal that the Dutch Government reserve part of the United Republic of Indonesia for a limited period.

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The accident occurred as the plane circled back over the airport, flying very low apparently to give Cini an opportunity to wave good-bye from the air to Miss Oberon.

The names of Cini and Miss Oberon have been linked romantically for some time. The actress has been a guest at the Count's castle in Northern Italy and they have been together on the French Riviera.

Cini, aged 30, was president of a company which owns a number of hotels in Italy including the Lido in Venice and the Excelsior in Rome.

Miss Oberon burst into tears immediately on seeing the accident and was led away from the scene.

Sobbing and unable to say anything, she was escorted to her hotel.

Lord Beaverbrook's Guest

Giorgio Girardello, aged 26, the pilot of the two-engined private Cessna plane was also killed. His burned body was found among the wreckage.

Cini was thrown clear by the impact and his broken body was found some distance away. The skull was completely smashed.

During Miss Oberon's visit to the Riviera she has been a guest on several occasions at the Capri estate of the British publisher, Lord Beaverbrook. Winston Churchill has been a guest at the Beaverbrook estate.

On at least one occasion veteran artist Churchill gave instruction in painting to fledgling artist Oberon.

Miss Oberon was formerly married to the film producer, Sir Alexander Korda, — Associated Press.

Another New Czech Bishop

Prague, August 31.

A third new Catholic Bishop is to be consecrated with full Church ceremony in Czechoslovakia without the approval of the State, Church sources said here today.

The new appointment, announced from the Vatican on Monday, promotes a 39-year-old local chaplain, Father Kajetan Matousek, to be a special auxiliary Bishop for the Archbishop of Prague, Dr. Josef Beran, who recently complained that he was interned in his palace.

Father Matousek has been chaplain in the suburb of Pankrác, Prague, in which lies Czechoslovakia's main prison.

The two other new Bishops, Ambrose Lazik, of Trnava, and Robert Fobozny, of Roznava, were consecrated at Trnava on August 4, when thousands of Catholics attended the ceremonies in spite of the police action taken to discourage them.

The formula "In Partibus Infidelium" which is used in their cases to denote appointments made where no Bishopric formally exists, will also be used for Bishop Matousek.—Reuter.

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Square Deal For Colonies Demanded

London, August 31.

The Colonial Under-Secretary, Mr. David Rees-Williams, today called for a "square deal" by the industrial nations towards colonial territories and for security in prices and marketing for colonial products.

In a speech at a lunch given by a firm of chocolate manufacturers, Mr. Rees-Williams said: "It is right for the United States and the United Kingdom farmer to have security in prices and marketing for his products, why should not the African, the Malayan and the West Indian also have these privileges?"

"Our object in the Colonial Office in the last few years has been to secure for the primary producer that which the industrial nations have obtained for their primary products."

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Anti-Sub Craft For Royal Navy

Ottawa, August 31.

Britain plans to build a fleet of fast anti-submarine craft, Vice-Admiral R. V. Symonds-Taylor, Commander-in-Chief, America and West Indies Station, stated in an interview here today.

The plans for the fleet expansion are still in the blueprint stage, but the new vessels will be similar to those now under construction for the Canadian Navy.

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SHIP	ARRIVALS	DEPARTURES
"TJIBADAK"	14th Sept.	16th Sept.
"TJIBADAK"	29th Sept.	30th Sept.
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SHIP	ARRIVALS	DEPARTURES
"TJIBADAK"	6th Sept.	12th Sept.
"TJIBADAK"	14th Sept.	
"TJIBADAK"	17th Sept.	
"STRAAT MALAKKA"	7th Oct.	23rd Sept.
"BOISSEvain"	5th Nov.	18th Oct.
"STRAAT SOENDA"	30th Nov.	

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SHIP	ARRIVALS	DEPARTURES
"VAN RIEMSDIJK"	3rd Sept.	12th Sept.
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SHIP	ARRIVALS	DEPARTURES
"TJIBADAK"	17th Sept.	
"STRAAT MALAKKA"	7th Oct.	23rd Sept.
"BOISSEvain"	5th Nov.	18th Oct.
"STRAAT SOENDA"	30th Nov.	

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SHIP	ARRIVALS	DEPARTURES
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SHIP	ARRIVALS	DEPARTURES
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